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GRADUATE STUDY at Indiana State Teachers College

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Objectives and Philosophy of the Graduate Program in Elementary Education

The primary purposes of the graduate program at State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania, leading to the Master of Science Degree in Education in the field of Elementary Education are to increase the competence of elementary teachers in Pennsylvania; to stimulate greater awareness in our teachers of educational philosophies and problems in order that they may assume responsible roles in the educational programs of their communities; and to provide an incentive for continued professional growth. Probably the principal characteristic of the proposed program is its single objective — the preparation of better teachers for elementary schools.

Admissions Policy for Graduate Study

Admission to graduate studies shall be administered by the Director of Graduate Studies and the Graduate Council. They shall be guided by the following principles:

1. The applicant shall present a Bachelor's Degree from a college or university that is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, or the appropriate regional accrediting agency.
2. The applicant shall present a transcript of his undergraduate work showing at least a 1.5 honor point value as determined by a grading system in which a B grade is given a 2 honor point value and a C grade a 1 honor point value.
3. The applicant shall possess a Pennsylvania Teacher Certificate or its equivalent.

Admission to graduate study does not carry with it admission to candidacy for the Master's Degree. Admission to candidacy for the degree may be granted only after 6 semester hours of graduate work has been successfully completed at Indiana.

Applicants who fail to satisfy the foregoing principles may be admitted conditionally upon the basis of a standard entrance examination.

Steps Necessary for Admission

1. The applicant will file an application for graduate study with the Director of Graduate Studies. Write to Dr. I. L. Straight, Director of Graduate Studies, for application forms.
2. Each applicant will present transcripts in duplicate of all undergraduate work taken for the Bachelor's Degree. Transcripts of previous work taken at Indiana need not be submitted.
3. Each applicant will have a personal interview with an assigned faculty member.
4. If the undergraduate transcript represents an honor point value of less than 1.5, the applicant must take the standard examination which will be scheduled in late August 1957, and periodically thereafter.

Admission to Candidacy for the Degree

At any time after earning at least six semester hours of graduate work and no more than twelve semester hours of graduate work, the applicant will apply for admission to candidacy for the Master's Degree. At this time, applicants may be expected to take departmental or professional examinations and must present a program of studies prepared by the candidate and his adviser, to be approved by the Graduate Council. At this point the applicant will be expected to designate whether he will do a research thesis for credit or a research project.

Research Requirements for Graduate Degree

Each student will select one of two alternatives:

A. A master's degree thesis which may be submitted for from two to four semester hours in his area of specialization. The approval of the candidate's thesis subject and the over-all direction of it will be the joint responsibility of his adviser, the chairman of his department, and the coordinator of research. All completed theses must then be approved by an examining committee composed of the faculty adviser, the department chairman, the coordinator of research, and, in most cases, by other staff members. Brief abstracts of all graduate theses will be published annually in the college research bulletin.

B. A research project demonstrating proficiency in documented research writing or a creative project in a fine arts or practical arts field. This will be a requirement of one of the student's last courses within the area of his specialization. These research projects will be under the direction and supervision of the faculty member teaching the course. Such projects will be considered an integral part of the course requirements and will be a major component of the mark assigned the student for the course. The coordinator of research will hold

no direct responsibility for the quality of these projects but will serve in an advisory capacity and may help establish standards to ensure quality and uniformity among departments. Dr. S. Trevor Hadley serves as coordinator of research.

Credit By Transfer

Indiana will admit to its graduate program transfer students from other accredited graduate schools provided they are in good standing in those schools and satisfy Indiana's basic admission requirements. A maximum of 12 semester hours of work done elsewhere will be accepted provided they represent courses that fit the Indiana program and have earned a grade of at least "B". Such transfer credit must have the approval of the Graduate Council.

Semester Hours Required

A minimum of thirty semester hours of approved graduate work beyond a Bachelor's Degree is required. A student who is teaching full-time will be limited to four semester hours of work per semester. The number of semester hours obtained during summer sessions shall not exceed the number of weeks of attendance.

Time Limit

Thirty semester hours must be completed within the five-year period immediately preceding the date when all the requirements for the degree are completed. For justifiable reasons the Graduate Council may extend this period.

Residence

A minimum of twelve semester hours will be required to be taken during summer sessions. Courses taken prior to September 1957 at Indiana State Teachers College may not be used as graduate work.

Scholarship Requirement

A candidate must have maintained a grade point average of 2.0, (B), in all work taken after receiving the Bachelor's Degree. Only grades of "A", "B", or "C" are acceptable toward a Master's Degree. Marking system: grade of "A", 3 quality points; "B", 2 quality points; "C", 1 quality point; "D", 0 quality points.

Graduate Adviser

When the candidate is ready to make application for admission to candidacy for the degree, an adviser will be assigned. At this time the candidate's degree program should be outlined in detail.

Curriculum for Master of Science Degree in Education

Students working for this degree in Elementary Education will complete the thirty (30) semester hours of work in accordance with the following divisions:

I. GENERAL STUDIES — *fourteen to eighteen (14-18) semester hours of work in General Studies to be selected from the following courses:*

Art 521	Contemporary Movements in Art	2 s.h.
Bus 521	Economic Backgrounds of Business	2 s.h.
HE 521	Problems in Family Living	2 s.h.
Mus 521	Aesthetics through Music	2 s.h.
EngS 521	Studies in Modern European Fiction	2 s.h.
EngS 522	Contemporary Principles and Practices in Speech	2 s.h.
Geog 521	Advanced Human Geography	2 s.h.
Math 521	Basic Concepts in Mathematics	2 s.h.
Sci 521	Recent Advances in Science	2 s.h.
SS 521	Contemporary American Issues	2 s.h.
FL 521	Language and Society	2 s.h.

II. PROFESSIONAL STUDIES — *eight to ten (8-10) semester hours of work, including Research Paper or the Thesis, to be selected from the following:*

El 531	Curriculum Problems in Elementary Education	2 s.h.
El 532	Studies in Child Adjustment and Guidance	2 s.h.
El 533	Reading Disabilities of Elementary School Children	2 s.h.
El 541	Special Problems in Elementary Social Studies	2 s.h.
El 542	Arithmetic in the Elementary School	2 s.h.
El 543	Resource Materials in Elementary Science	2 s.h.
El 544	Recent Trends in Elementary Language Arts	2 s.h.
El 545	Experimental Studies in Art Education	2 s.h.
El 546	The Psychology of School Music Teaching	2 s.h.
Ed 516	Statistical Methods in Education	2 s.h.

III. FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION — *two (2) semester hours of work to be selected from the following courses:*

Ed 511	Historical Foundations of Education	2 s.h.
Ed 512	Philosophy of Education	2 s.h.
Ed 513	Social Foundations of Education	2 s.h.

IV. RESEARCH TECHNIQUES — *the following course is required. It should be scheduled early in the student's program:*

Ed 515	Elements of Research	2 s.h.
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When to Apply for Admission

Application forms for admission may be obtained from the Graduate Office on or after June 10, 1957. Applicants are urged to complete the necessary steps for admission as soon as possible after this date. Write to Dr. I. L. Straight, Director of Graduate Studies, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Fees

Tuition Fee - - - - - \$15.00 per semester hour

Calendar for 1957-1958

- Aug. 24 Applications for admission to the Graduate Division, for students who plan to take work during fall semester, must be filed at the Graduate Office or on before this date.
- Aug. 30 Entrance examination for students whose under-graduate honor point value is less than 1.5.

FALL SEMESTER

- Sept. 10 Registration and payment of fees for all graduate students, Leonard Hall, 7:00 P.M.
- Sept. 12 Evening classes begin
- Sept. 14 Saturday classes begin
- Nov. 27 - Dec. 2 Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec. 15 - Jan. 6 Christmas Vacation
- Jan. 18 Semester Ends

SPRING SEMESTER

- Jan. 18 Applications for admission for second semester must be filed on or before this date.
- Jan. 22 Entrance Examination
- Jan. 30 Registration and payment of fees for all graduate students, Leonard Hall, 7:00 P.M.
- Feb. 1 Saturday classes begin
- Feb. 4 Evening classes begin
- April 2 - April 7 Easter Recess
- May 22 Semester Ends

Tentative Schedule, 1957-1958

FALL SEMESTER

Tuesday Evenings (7:30-9:10)

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| Ed 512 | Philosophy of Education |
| Math 521 | Basic Concepts in Mathematics |

Thursday Evenings (7:30-9:10)

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| Ed 515 | Elements of Research |
| El 533 | Reading Disabilities of Elementary School Children |

Saturday Mornings (9:00-10:40)

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| Geog 521 | Advanced Human Geography |
| EngS 521 | Studies in Modern European Fiction |
- (10:50-12:30)

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| El 531 | Curriculum Problems in Elementary Education |
| El 532 | Studies in Child Adjustment and Guidance |

SPRING SEMESTER

Tuesday Evenings (7:30-9:10)

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| Art 521 | Contemporary Movements in Art |
| Ed 513 | Social Foundations of Education |

Thursday Evenings (7:30-9:10)

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| El 531 | Curriculum Problems in Elementary Education |
| Ed 515 | Elements of Research |

Saturday Mornings (9:00-10:40)

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| EngS 522 | Contemporary Principles and Practices in Speech |
| Math 521 | Basic Concepts in Mathematics |
- (10:50-12:30)
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| El 532 | Studies in Child Adjustment and Guidance |
| El 533 | Reading Disabilities of Elementary School Children |
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